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Commodore's Message



I would like to thank our members for their commitment to the club and supporting your Executive and meeting our deadlines. One of the main reason deadlines are given, is so that the Executive members can work in volunteering with all of their other activities especially boating.

Growing up my parents were both hard working and my grandmother raised me and taught me many old English values and sayings like "The early bird catches the worm, Patience is a virtue, Respect your elders and You only get out what you put in".

In today's fast paced and connected society, it appears that a lot of these have gone by the wayside. Working from home, emails, cell phones and the Internet have all added to the pressures we all feel as there never seems to be an escape. Sometimes this occurs when we even come down to the boat and want to relax. But for the Executive, sometimes the work just continues and interferes with our love of boating and I ask you to please be cognizant of these pressures when communicating with and requesting information from the Executive.

In volunteer organizations many forget we are exactly that, volunteers. We have stepped up to balance family, work, volunteering and any other outside interests we may have like boating. So please keep up the good work and continue to help make our 'jobs' easier. It also helps us to ensure we continue to get volunteers who always do the best they can for you.

Board decisions are often tough and may not please all members or may not be what members want. If you wish to comment, please send a note to the Director responsible. Please remember that most Directors are completely new and had very little experience last year due to the pandemic.

Remember that every year we have an Annual General Meeting that you can attend, give constructive criticism and have your say.

On a completely separate note, to the minorities, it is indeed unfortunate you only see FPYC as an opportunity to get reciprocals. Some years you join and other years you do not. This creates additional work, which takes time to enter the information again. But reciprocals, cruising and club cruises are only a small part of FPYC. We have social events too, you get to belong and you get to have a say in how the club is run.

But remember, if you do go to other yacht clubs either by yourself or in a small group, please log onto the visiting club's website. They may have important information and rules you need to know. Or you can give them a call to speak with them directly to ask questions or get clarifications.

Stay well, act responsibly and enjoy safe boating.

Brian Weber
Commodore

Scuttlebutt In Review

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FPYC 2021 SailPast

Hopefully you enjoyed a great SailPast, I know we did. From my perspective, it was great to see so many boats on the water, 39. The weather cooperated magnificently. Okay so it missed on a little more wind for all of our sail members. Unfortunately, we could not gather for supper. But we hope you enjoyed the Limani takeout dinner.

There is a lot of work that goes on to put on any club event. It starts with the ideas and planning. Developing new technologies and finally bringing everything together on the day of the event. I owe a huge vote of thanks to everyone on my Executive for all their work. Some active and others who quietly help out in the background that many would not see or know exactly what they are doing. I feel honoured to work with this dedicated group. If you see an Executive member, please thank them for the work they do.

SailPast would not have been a success without those that helped from outside the Executive. In no particular order, Jim MacDonald for our music, Reverend Lindsay, the Tulk's for suggesting GAMRU, Limani and all their staff, all of you for your participation, the fantastic videos\pictures and support and Ruby for her strength and my constant support.

Doing a takeout dinner from Limani is something we are considering next year. We can gather in the D Dock parking lot as in previous years. If it rains, we can pick up the meal and either go to a pavilion or our boat. Renting a tent to shelter us from the weather is about a \$1,000 expense.

We would like to get feedback from members on this idea as it works rain or shine.



Budget and Cruising in 2021

We set a budget in April based on some best guesses. We had estimated that we would get 105 members at \$210. We are approximately 20 short of our projection.

This causes us to scrutinize our expenses more stringently. Last year we reduced the membership rate to \$75 and had slightly less members. The \$75 basically covered all the clubs fixed costs such as insurance, dues, post office box, bank fees, Zoom and other administrative costs. The balance of the \$210 goes to social events and reciprocal costs. It is a delicate balance between membership fees and club expenses.

The Annual General Meeting in 2019 saw the membership amend the reciprocal policy to limit the numbers on cruises plus the number of cruises to reduce our costs. We pay 50 Point Conservation a fixed fee for every visitors' first night.

As we continually review the budget, we may be able to increase the number of boats on cruises for two reasons.

1. There is an increased interest in club cruises, probably due to Covid and inactivity, and
2. The cruises have been a bust due to weather from the visiting club.

A few years ago, we reduced the signup time to minimize the work Cruise Directors need to perform. We had many last-minute cancellations, which caused us to scramble to fill the cancellation. While having the signup two weeks in advance has minimized the number of cancellations, it has reduced the workload for the Directors.

Signing up for a club cruise and being first is not always a guarantee you are on the cruise. A lot depends on the number and length of boats leaving the visiting club. Many clubs have few vacant slips as boating and other recreational activities seemed to have escalated. We also need the other club to send us their information. For example, it is Tuesday July 27, 2021 at 11:10 a.m. We have not heard from Oakville Club, which is a sail club, has had a newer dockmaster who is off Monday and Tuesdays, and the club is more controlled than previous years by the Town of Oakville, how many boats and what boats they can accommodate. Once we know who they can accommodate, we let our members know.

Cruising and social events are an integral part of club activities. The Executive is planning on a Summer BBQ September 11 at the Beach Pavilion. So, mark the date on your calendars now. Details will follow for it plus details for the Commodores Ball/Bash/Shin Dig.

We hope you have been able to get away and do some cruising either on your own or with some others. It is always great to visit other clubs and take advantage of their facilities.

Cruising & Reciprocal 2021

We wish to thank everyone for their patience and understanding related to this year's cruises. As Cruise Directors, we have found it difficult to get timely responses from other clubs related to their availability. We understand that this can cause anxiety for you in regards to your own planning. Rest assured we are doing everything we can for you.

The cruises in 2021 are a carryover from 2020 as club cruises setup in 2020 were carried forward to this year. There are many things that have changed which have complicated matters for us, including the rush to get cruise signup material we felt comfortable with as your Executive.

We will be looking at cruises for 2022 soon. If you have suggestions as to the clubs you would like to see us have a reciprocal cruise with, please let us know.

Remember, we have reciprocal arrangements setup with clubs around the lake. You can take advantage of the reciprocal arrangement with them. It is important to check with the club by visiting their website or call them directly.

Upcoming Social Events 2021

SailPast was a huge success. We had a great turnout and Limani served 112 meals to members.

Our next planned social event is scheduled for September 11 at the beach pavilion. Activities will start at 4:00 p.m. with some great listening music. We will provide some snacks, cake for dessert and setup the BBQs. Please remember to bring your own food, utensils, plates and anything else you need.

BBQs will be ready to cook around 5:30 p.m. and 'dinner music' will be in the background. After dinner we will play a set score of popular dance music. So, make sure you bring your dancing shoes. We will shut things down around 10:00 or sooner depending on our dancers.

We are still in the process of planning the Commodores Ball\Bash\Shin Dig for later this year. We hope to have the final details for September Scuttlebutt.

Summer Pot-Luck Beach BBQ and Dance Saturday September 11, 2021

Put on your dancing shoes, or better yet kick them off!

Where: Beach Pavilion

Format: BBQ's are set up at the pavilion, pot-luck, BYOB



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“Origins of Sea Terms”

A new column courtesy of Betty Lou Munro
from the book written by John G. Rogers

Presented in alphabetical order.

A- A prefix, applying to many terms, as aback, abeam, aloft, etc: meaning briefly, on, at, or in-the-state-off. It came into Early English from Anglo-Saxon, thence from Latin and Greek.

A-1 This was Lloyd's early-days' best rating of a ship for insurance purposes. The letter pertained to the condition of the hull, the numeral to her rigging and gear. Lloyd's classifications were initiated in 1756, and made law by the British Marine Act of 1876, having become a world standard in 1833.

A.B. Able-bodied seaman. A merchant seaman's rating, made legal and requirements standardized in Britain in 1894, and in the U.S., under the Seaman's Act of 1915 and now administered by the Coast Guard.

Aback Sail or sails backwinded. The word came from Old Norse — same word, same meaning.

Abaft Aft of. This term comes from the Anglo-Saxon *beaten*, behind.

Abeam. At right angles to the fore-and-aft, or centerline, of vessel. It is from Anglo-Saxon.

Aboard On or in a vessel. As it has two sources, one Latin (*bordure*) and the other Anglo-Saxon (*bord*) both meaning side, this word suggests the wonderful wanderings of early navigators, such as the Danes o Greek shores, and the Romans to the Baltic, Northern Europe, and the British Isles.

Alley - A shipboard passageway. The word comes from the Old French 'alee', probably of the same meaning. It later was also the term for the passageway on a galley.

Aloft - Up a mast. This word is one of surprisingly few that seems to have originated in English.

Amidships - In the center of a vessel, or on her centerline. The word came from both German and Dutch — it is not known which came first. The latter was 'midships', of this meaning.

Anchor - A device for mooring a floating object to the bottom. Here's one for you! Clearly traceable from the Greek — *agkura* — possibly from the X century B.C., it is believed to have come to that language from the Phoenicians at least 500 years before. From the Greek, it can be traced, through Latin and the older European languages, to Middle and Modern English.

Annie Oakley - is the nickname of an early parachute spinnaker for racing sailboats that had a series of holes on its center seam. It was named for the famous marks lady of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Shows.

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Apparel - An old term, though sometimes still heard, for all the removable gear on a vessel. The word comes from the Old French 'apareille', meaning equipment, and probably was a sailor's term meaning to make fit, or to fit out a vessel.

Armada - A fleet of ships. It's origin is the Latin 'armator' meaning any armed force. At the time when the term was in use, virtually all offshore vessels had some kind of armament.

Arrive - Hardly a sea term, but it once was. It came from French, in turn from the Latin work 'arripere' of which the meaning, and the early English one too, was to land, or to come ashore.

Arse - An old term for the fall-side of a block; also called the choke. The word could go back to the Greek 'orsa', tail.

Astrolabe - A predecessor to the sextant; an instrument for measuring the altitude of celestial bodies. The term comes to us via French and Latin, from the Greek word 'astrolabeon', meaning star taking.

A-Trip - Said of the anchor when it has broken ground on being hoisted. It probably came either from Old French, 'treper', or Old English 'treppan', one meaning of which was in motion.

Aweigh - Said of the anchor when it is off the bottom when hoisting, Weigh in this sense seems to be derived from the Old Icelandic word 'vega', meaning to lift, or carry.

Aye - The sailor's way of saying 'yes' or 'I understand'. In common use in English ashore as well as aboard ship in the XVI century, it has two possible sources; one, the Old French 'je' or 'o je' (yes, that say I); and the other, the more likely early English 'yie', yes.

Stay tuned next month for more.....



August Antics

Bob Hope (1903 - 2003 American comedian);
(courtesy of Betty Lou Munro)

Some of His Greatest Lines

ON TURNING 90 - "You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."

ON TURNING 100 - "I don't feel old. In fact, I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap."

ON GIVING UP HIS EARLY CAREER (BOXING) - "I ruined my hands in the ring. The referee kept stepping on them."

ON WHY HE CHOOSE SHOWBIZ FOR HIS CAREER - "When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, congratulations, you have an eight pound ham."

ON HIS FAMILY'S EARLY POVERTY - "Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother."

ON HIS SIX BROTHERS - "That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom."





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Recipes from Your FPYC Board Members!

Egg Stata

(Brian and Ruby Weber – Where's Teddy?...by the look of this recipe...he's eating breakfast)

Ingredients:

- 8 frozen hash brown patties
- 1 - 400 gram block of cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 pound cooked bacon, chopped
- 7 large eggs
- 1 cup milk
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Optional ingredients – ham, diced onion, peppers, asparagus or....

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.
2. Arrange hash brown patties on the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle cheddar cheese and bacon over patties (reserve some cheese and bacon for topping). If adding any optional ingredients, add them now.
3. Beat eggs, milk, salt and pepper in a large bowl using a whisk; pour over ingredients in casserole dish.
4. Sprinkle remaining grated cheese and bacon over top.
5. Bake in the preheated oven for approximately 1 hour. Continue to bake until edges are golden brown and a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Remove from oven and let stand for 10 minutes before serving.
6. You can put all of the ingredients together the night before and cover and refrigerate. Next morning bake for a tasty breakfast treat!





Follow along with our FPYC club members on their travels!

Gunter and Sue Millar

<https://sunspiritmillar.blogspot.com/?m=1>



John, Kathryn, Simon & Wavey Middleton

[WakaNahannis at Sea](#)

Bahamas: Part 3



Steve & Lise Denison

[GaYa](#)

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Prep Time for Season 4 in the Bahamas



Items of Interest

FPYC is not endorsing these sites but they may be of interest to our Club members.

Sail-World

<https://www.sail-world.com/Canada>

Canadian Yachting

<http://www.canadianyachting.ca/>

Sail-World Cruising

<https://www.sail-worldcruising.com>

Spartan – Ocean Racing & Training

<https://www.spartanoceanracing.com/>

POWER BOATING CANADA

<https://powerboating.com/lake-ontario/>

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<https://www.sailing.ca/>

Press - Star Sailors League

<http://finals.starsailors.com/>

Ontario Sailing

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